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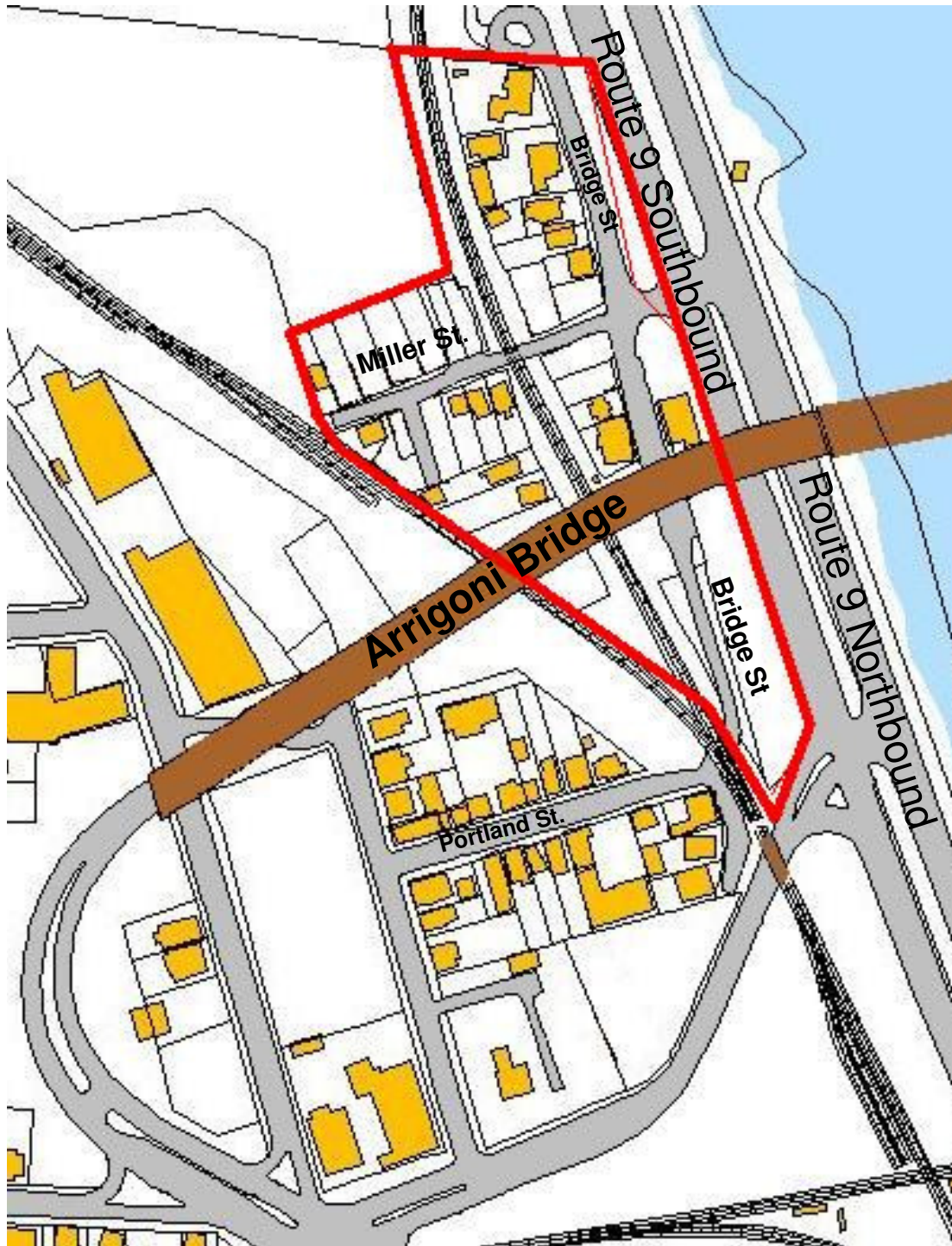


# Miller Bridge Redevelopment

Brief History Overview,  
Long-term Outlook for the Neighborhood,  
and  
Short-term Options for Improving Access







Miller Bridge  
Street Area

and

Surrounding  
Neighborhoods

# History of Miller and Bridge Street Area Redevelopment

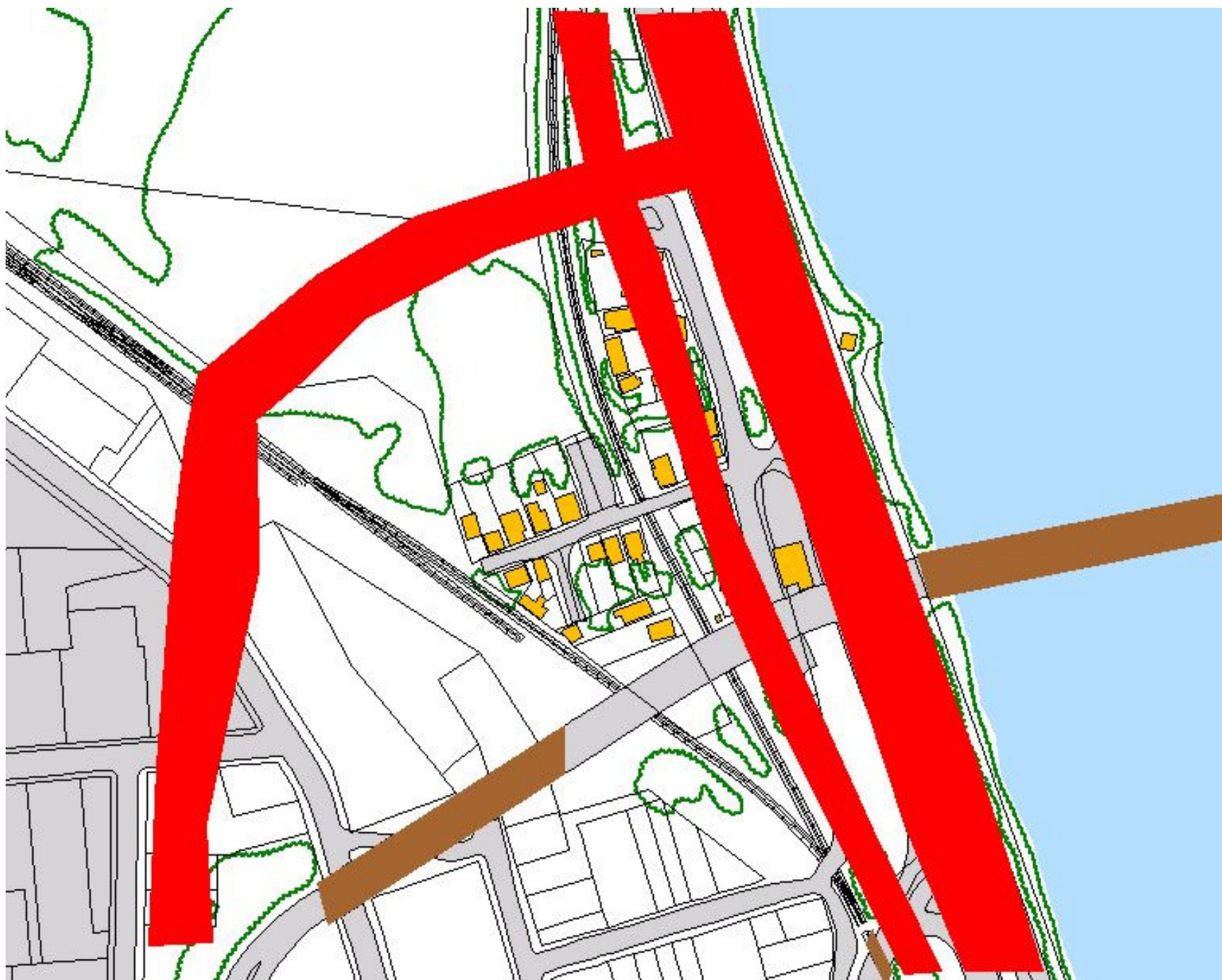
- 1999- City conducted workshops with neighborhood to find ways to improve the area.
  - Conclusions-
    - No feasible infrastructure options
    - Acquire and demolish neighborhood
- 2000- City with support of neighborhood adopts current Redevelopment Plan that acquires and demolishes the neighborhood, within a 5 year timetable.

# Funding is the KEY issue!

- The City was able to acquire and demolish 12 properties.
- The remaining 15 properties would cost the City approximately \$3 million to acquire, relocate residents and demolish structures.

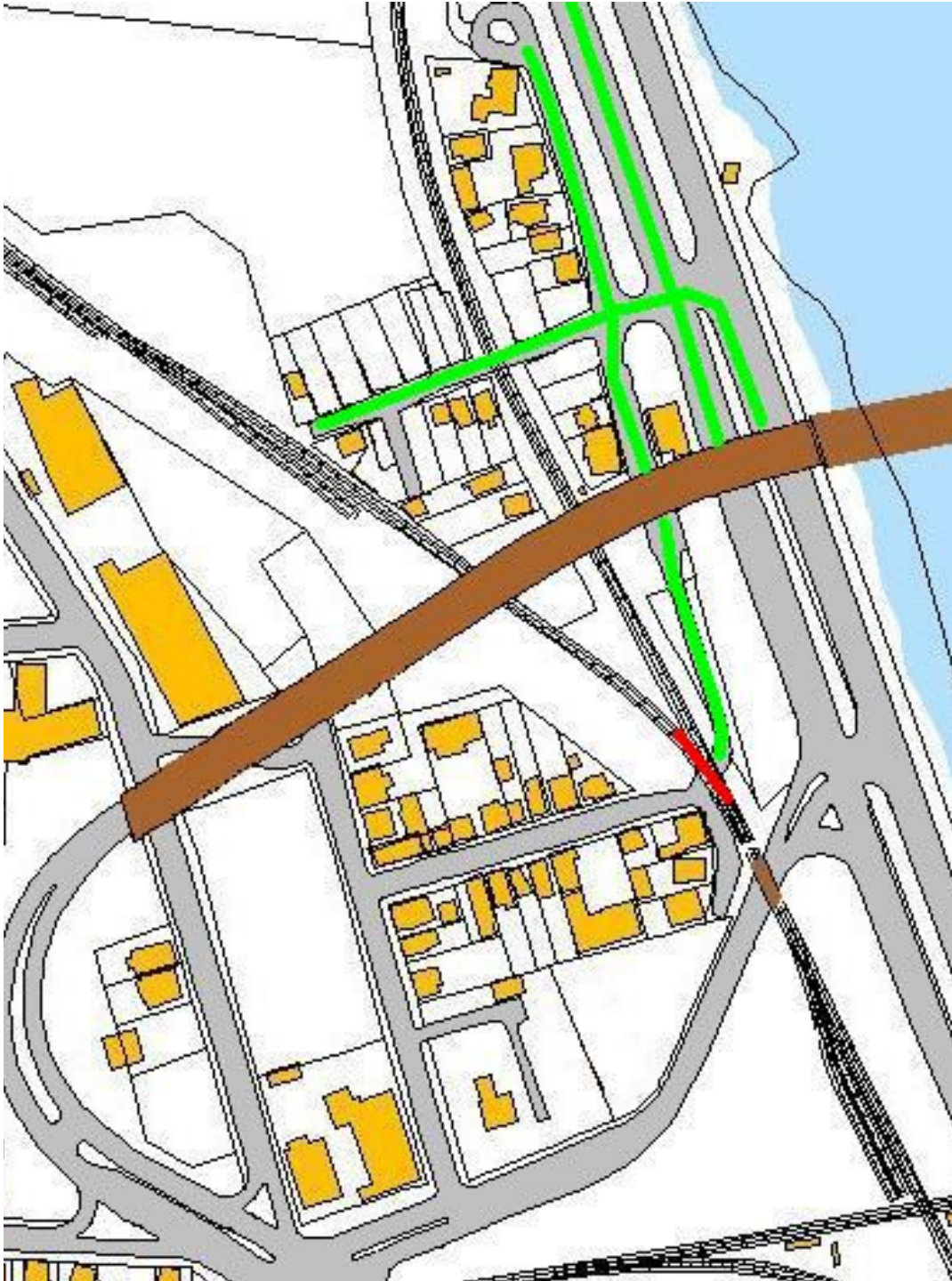
# The future of this Neighborhood will always be in question!

- The Connecticut Department of Transportation has proposed a new Route 9 entrance/exit design to connect the highway to downtown and the bridge. This design would require the State to acquire the entire neighborhood.
- Estimate timeframe- 7 to 15 years



# Short-term Options to Improve Access

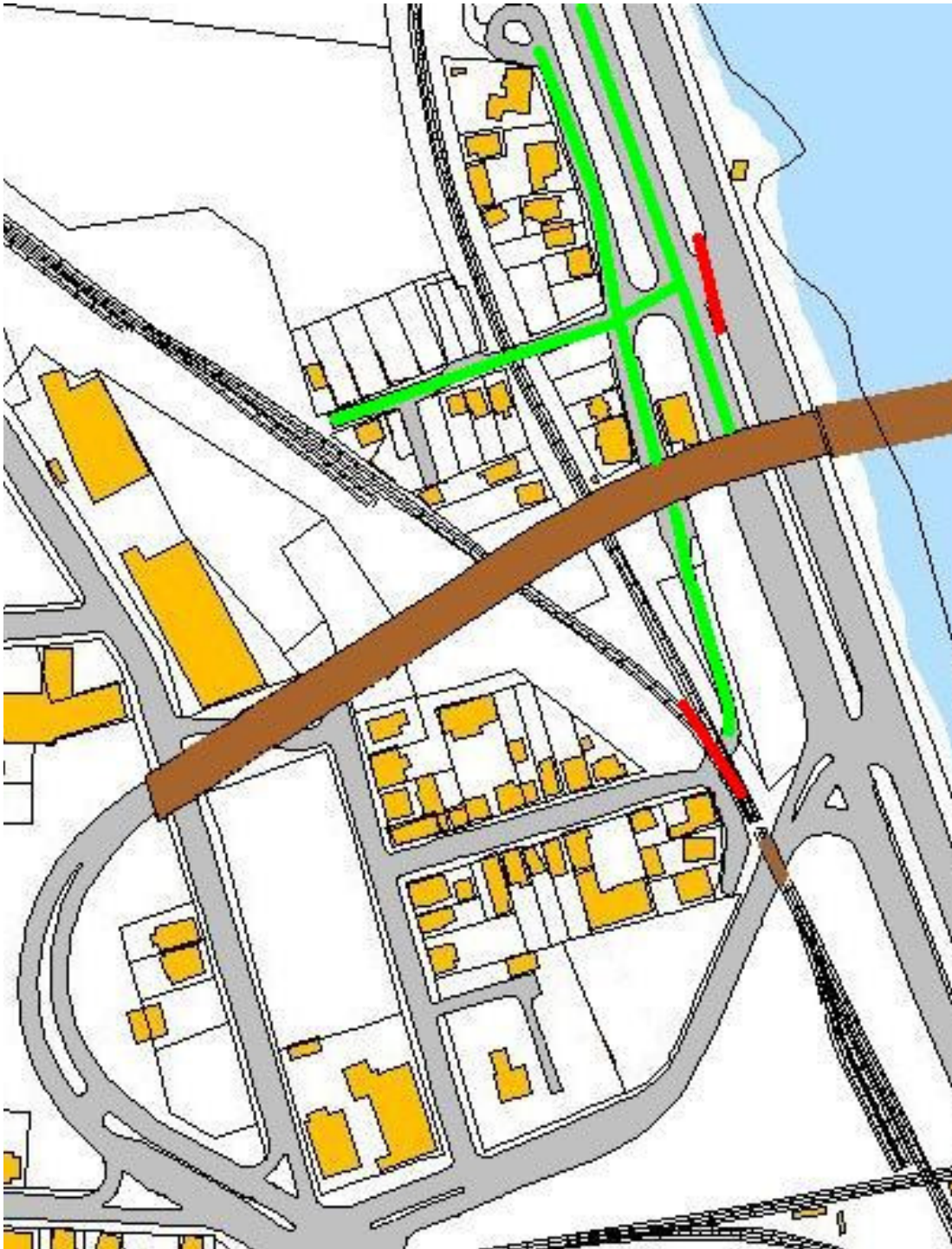




# Current Situation

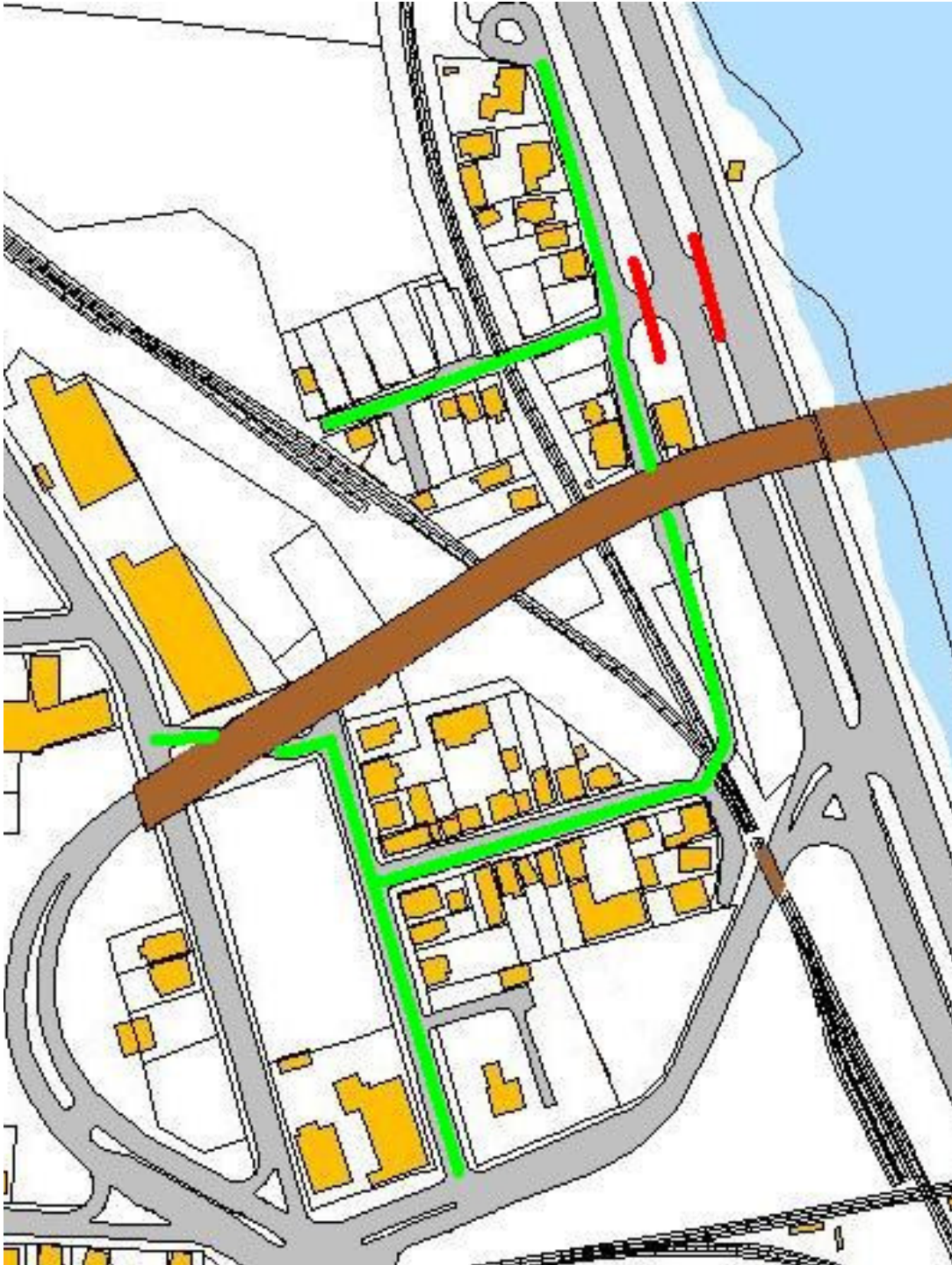
- Access only from Route 9.
- Emergency Rail Crossing at Portland Street.





# Option 1

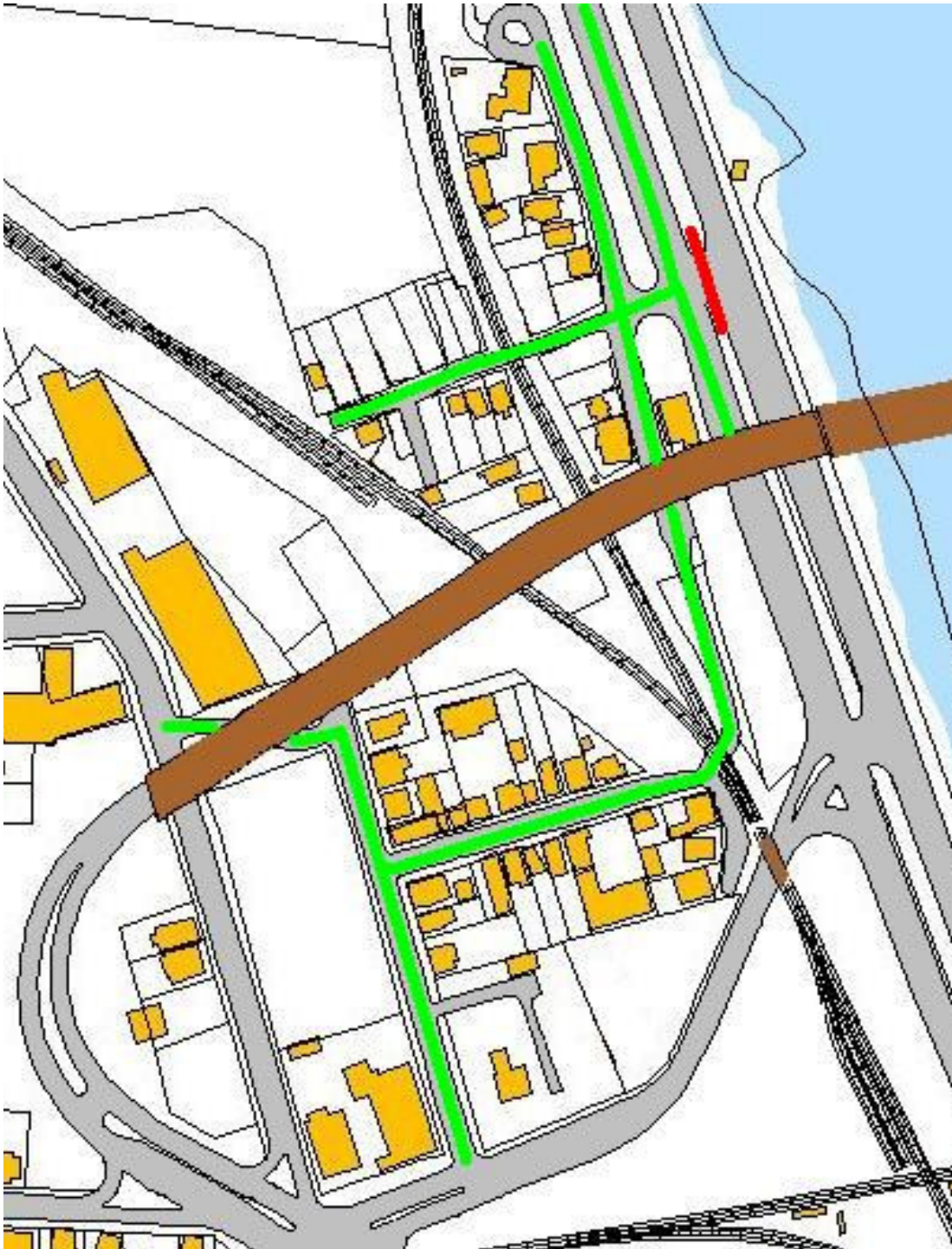
- Eliminate Route 9  
Northbound left turn into neighborhood.
- Portland St Cross is still closed to public use.



## Option 2

- Eliminate Route 9 Northbound left-turn lane in to neighborhood.
- Open Portland St Crossing Temporarily as a public crossing, if CT General Assembly passes legislation to allow it.
- Eliminate Route 9 Access to neighborhood all together.





# Option 3

- Eliminate Route 9 Northbound left-turn lane in to neighborhood.
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# Questions before the Redevelopment Agency.

- Which short-term option should the Agency recommend to the Mayor and Common Council?
- Should the Agency/City continue to implement the Redevelopment Plan?
  - Funding from State or Federal Government?
  - Funding from local tax dollars?  
(would require referendum)
- What non-infrastructure solutions should City pursue? (zoning code, health code, fire code, housing code, police, etc.)